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In re application of

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**AMENDMENT "F" AND RESPONSE AFTER
FINAL REJECTION UNDER RULE 116**Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 7, 2005 finally rejecting the claims, please enter the following amendment, which is proper for entry after final rejection because it places the application in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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Entry recommended. AR 6/1/05
Entry approved KPS 6/8/05